

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 1349

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to public health and safety; defining  
8 terms; requiring board of youth sport organization to  
9 develop certain policies and procedures and to  
10 develop certain plans; requiring certain training;  
11 prohibiting certain individual from rejoining  
12 practice or game until certain evaluation occurs;  
13 providing for codification; and providing an  
14 effective date.

15 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

16 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
17 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-281 of Title 63, unless there  
18 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

19 As used in this act:

20 1. "Heat illness" means exercise-associated muscle (heat)  
21 cramps, heat syncope, exercise (heat) exhaustion, external heat  
22 stroke, or exertional hyponatremia. These conditions vary in  
23 severity and include, but are not limited to, the symptoms of  
24 involuntary muscle contraction, dehydration, neuromuscular fatigue,  
dizziness, fainting, headache, nausea, vomiting, increased body

1 temperature, disorientation, mood change, aggression, cardiac arrest  
2 and death; and

3 2. "Youth sport organization" means any sport organization  
4 which consists of an activity involving physical exertion and skill  
5 in which an individual or team competes against another or others  
6 and which consists of participants who are under the age of eighteen  
7 (18) years and who require the consent of a parent or guardian prior  
8 to participation and who are not participating as a requirement for  
9 scholarship or academic credit.

10 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
11 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1210.198 of Title 70, unless  
12 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

13 A. The board of each youth sport organization in this state  
14 shall develop policies and procedures relating to heat illness.  
15 Policies shall reflect current scientifically based research and  
16 well-established national standards. Policies and procedures shall  
17 specifically include:

18 1. Temperature guidelines for outside activity including but  
19 not limited to physical activity, athletic participation, and  
20 extracurricular activities;

21 2. Uniform regulations based on temperature and humidity; and

22 3. Guidelines for heat acclimatization.

23 B. The board of each youth sport organization shall develop  
24 venue-specific emergency action plans based on well-established

1 national standards to be used in the event of heat illness and/or  
2 medical emergency. The emergency action plans shall include:

- 3 1. Facility location;
- 4 2. Personnel duties;
- 5 3. Emergency vehicle route/entrance;
- 6 4. Emergency equipment needed;
- 7 5. Roles of first responders;
- 8 6. Immediate heat illness detection and care; and
- 9 7. Postemergency action plans.

10 C. Youth sport organizations shall be required to provide  
11 training to coaches relating to the signs of heat illness and  
12 symptoms.

13 D. A participant who is suspected of having a heat illness  
14 during a youth sport organization practice or game shall be removed  
15 from participation at that time. Such participant may not rejoin  
16 the practice or game until he or she is evaluated by an individual  
17 who is trained in the detection and care of heat illnesses. If the  
18 case appears severe, such participant may not rejoin the practice or  
19 game until he or she is evaluated by a licensed healthcare provider  
20 trained in the evaluation and management of heat-related illnesses  
21 and receives written approval from such provider.

22 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2013.

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